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THE BANNER.

Largest Circulation in the County

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LOCAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

— Marion, also, is crying aloud for Water Works.

— A post of the G. A. R. is to be organized in Fredericktown soon.

— During the present year there have been 1,325 names on the Oberlin College rolls.

— Mr. Lewis White, of Gambier, slipped and fell Monday morning, breaking an arm.

— Henry Robinson, residing South of town, died on Friday last and was buried on Sunday.

— Small pox seems to be on the increase, as cases are reported from many sections of the State.

— Clarence Opt, one of the escaped Mansfield jail birds, was captured Tuesday night of last week at Toledo.

— The youngest inmate of the Marion county Infirmary is fourteen years old, and the oldest inmate is ninety-six.

— An exchange says those little stiff rimmed hats worn by the ladies will make nice hanging baskets next summer.

— Josiah Crawford, a well known former Knox county stock dealer, died of old age at Gambier on Wednesday.

— Owing to the illness of the pastor—Rev. C. L. Work, no services were held in the Presbyterian Church on last Sunday.

— Miss host Rowley, of the popular Rowley House, this city, served his guests with a splendid dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

— A large and elegant new hotel, called the Sloane House, has just been opened at Sandusky. It is said to be doing a fine business.

— Secretary Chamberlain says the early snow wheat crop, especially in the northwestern part of the State, is badly damaged by the fly.

— A man who spent an entire day in a hunting expedition through Monroe township, reports that the only game he could find was Eichen.

— Mr. Gordon Sutton, living near Newark, while out hunting, last week, accidentally shot himself in the leg, and will be a cripple for life.

— Dillion McKee, of Fredericktown, has sued Levi Runney, of Lexington, Richmond county, for \$10,000 damages for malicious prosecution.

— Sixteen hundred and fifty persons died in Ohio last year from diphtheria—a greater number than died from any other disease except consumption.

— The annual election of officers of Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., will take place to-morrow (Friday) evening.

— A good attendance is desired.

— Mr. John S. Braddock and Mr. Wm. Bird have purchased that portion of the Krenlin building, designated as No. 2, from the Knox National Bank.

— The Journal says that Cuyahoga Falls is nearly or quite free from diphtheria. We are glad to learn that such is the case, for the town has been afflicted severely.

— The proprietors of the Marion Mirror are erecting a first-class building for the accommodation of their business. We are rejoiced to notice this evidence of their prosperity.

— The Mt. Vernon Bridge Company are erecting a bridge 165 feet long in Belmont county, and also a bridge between the towns of Corwin and Waynesville, in Warren county.

— The Democratic primary election in Newark, to nominate a candidate for Justice of the Peace, in place of T. J. Anderson, deceased, resulted in the choice of T. G. Thornton.

— A dispatch from Fredericktown to the Cleveland Herald says the New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago Railroad (Fredericktown route) "is to be completed by January 1st, 1882."

— The first annual ball given by Timon Lodge, No. 45, Knights of Pythias, at Kirk Opera House on Thanksgiving night was a success in every particular, and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

— The Columbus papers announce the marriage of Mr. Frank N. Merion and Miss Virginia M. Bell, daughter of Hon. Wm. Bell, which took place at Trinity Church, Columbus, on Wednesday of last week.

— A general knock down drag-out fight occurred on South Main street, Saturday night, as the result of a benzine frolic. Several broken heads and freckled optics was the result, but to relate no lives were lost.

— Benj. L. Wilson, Republican, was elected Justice of the Peace in Newark, on Saturday, over Thomas G. Thornton, Democrat, by a majority of 327. Wilson received enough Democratic votes to produce this result.

— The Commercial Travelers had a reunion and banquet at the Willer House, Mansfield, on Thursday of last week, and upwards of fifty "runners" and their wives participated in the festivities. Some capital speeches were made.

— Died, November 24th, of diphtheria, Lema Arnold, youngest son of J. A. Arnold, of Brown township. Funeral took place Saturday from St. Luke's Catholic Church, Danville, and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

— Mr. Geo. W. Rinn has just finished painting the Theological Seminary at Gambier, and a new roof is now being placed over the structure. Two janitors are now employed, one not being sufficient for the number of students.

— Mrs. Abigail Thirl, of Fredericktown, died on Monday night, after a short illness, in the 73rd year of her age. Deceased was one of the earliest settlers in Knox county, and was a noble-minded Christian lady, beloved by all who knew her.

— The many friends of Rev. J. H. Gray, late pastor of the M. P. Church in this city, are pained to learn that himself and wife and the two other members of his family are lying dangerously sick of typhoid fever, at their home in Athens, Seneca county.

— Lowell Edwards, a boy 18 years of age, was detected Monday in stealing letters from the post-office box of E. S. Miller, rubber stamp manufacturer at Newark. The boy was formerly in Miller's employ and knew he received many letters containing money.

— On Saturday last Geo. Hoak was returning home from Danville, where he had been doing some trading, his team became frightened at some object by the road-side and ran off, throwing Mr. Hoak to the ground from which he received serious injuries about the head.

— Our wood pile has just about "played out," and we would like those delinquents who brought in wood, to replenish it. Bring it in quick.

— Counting is a natural blessing. It teaches young people to speak mildly, especially if the old folks are in the next room with the door open.

— A father with marriageable daughters, like a maiden with sensitive skin often reads the winter because it brings so many chaps on his hands.

— The "gentlemanly operator," "popular clerk," "handsome and accomplished young lady," are stereotype phrases that the newspaper fraternity seem wedded to.

— Each county in the State is entitled to send one student to the Ohio University at Athens. The appointment is made upon the recommendation of the County Commissioners.

— Don't depend on your neighbor for a local paper. Subscribe for it yourself. It is too much to ask your neighbor every week for his paper when he pays for it and may want to read it first.

— Thanksgiving was observed in Fredericktown by a union service of all the churches in the M. E. Church. Rev. Jas. P. Mills, pastor of the M. E. Church, preached the sermon. After the sermon quite a good collection was taken up for the Michigan sufferers.

— The wife of Rev. Ira C. Billman, a Lutheran minister, has been granted a divorce from her husband, with alimony of \$1,000. The Billman family is well known in Mt. Vernon, the reverend gentleman having been pastor of the Congregational Church here some years ago.

— The man who prefers to take a city weekly, that doesn't interest him simply because it is larger and cheaper than his local paper, can get a whole armful of old papers at this office at only 50 cents a hundred. That certainly ought to be cheap enough reading for him.

— Mr. Gilead has a real sensation—a haunted house—where all sorts of noises are heard day and night; locked doors are opened, and rooms brilliantly illuminated, when no person was inside or near. All attempts to discover the cause of this singular phenomena have proved unavailing.

— Marriage Bells.

— Last Thursday evening (Thanksgiving) witnessed the nuptials of Mr. Joseph A. Patterson, Junior proprietor of the Curtis House, to Miss Ida May, the petite and charming daughter of Mr. James R. Alsford, which occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, West High street—Rev. C. L. Work, of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. At 6:30 the friends of the contracting parties numbering about forty, had assembled, and in a few moments the happy couple were united as one. Congratulations over the guests were served to a most sumptuous repast, after which the evening was spent in social converse. The bride received quite a number of useful and beautiful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left on the midnight train for Cincinnati, where they remained until Tuesday. Arriving at the Curtis House, that evening, quite a happy surprise awaited them, in the way of a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hunt, at which about eighty guests, composed mostly of the young friends of the newly married couple, were present. Congratulations were received in the parlor, and at ten o'clock, the company headed by the bride and groom, were escorted to the dining hall, and sat down to an elegant collation. The room was afterwards cleared, and the bridegroom was kept up till two o'clock. The reception was a most brilliant affair, and greatly enjoyed by all.

— Floriel—At Kirk Opera House.

— Next Monday night, Miss Julia A. Hunt, a new star in the theatrical firmament—and by the way and Ohio lady—will appear at the above place of amusement, where, supported by a splendid company—which includes Fannie Denham Rose and Billy Rose, old favorites in this city—will be produced Floriel, an original romantic drama in five acts, written by Sidney Rosenfield. It is said to be a touching, tender, yet dramatically powerful love-story—one that from the rise of the curtain on the first act to the fall of the last, the interest of the audience is enchaind, and made to feel the spell of a charming romance. Miss Hunt scored a great success in Philadelphia, where she recently appeared, and our people are particularly fortunate in having an opportunity of hearing so beautiful and talented an artist. Seats should be secured at once at Cassi's bookstore.

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PERSONAL POINTS.

— Mr. Vernon People Abroad, and the Strangers within Our Gates.

— Hon. Henry B. Curtis celebrated his 82d birthday on Monday last.

— Hon. and Mrs. C. Delano left on Friday last for Washington City.

— Mr. Will R. Sapp left for his home at Falls City, Nebraska, on Friday last.

— Mrs. Dr. Baldwin, of Newark, visited friends in this city during the past week.

— Norman Eichelberger, of Mansfield, was registered at the Curtis House, Monday.

— Mr. Charlie Bird and wife of Mt. Gilead, spent Sunday with Mr. Vernon friends.

— Mr. L. B. Curtis, who has been returning the Cotton Exposition at Atlanta, returned home last week.

— Miss Mamie Wynkoop and Miss Mamie Simons spent a portion of last week visiting friends near Ulico.

— Miss Sado Vance returned Monday from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. H. C. White, at Detroit.

— Master Harry Ewalt left last week for Syracuse, New York, where he will enter a military school for boys.

— Miss Libbie and Mr. Henry Taylor, of Loudonville, were guests, last week, of their sister, Mrs. Ben. Martin.

— Mr. Ernie Curtis and wife, of St. Louis, are the guests of Mrs. John S. Ringwalt, on North Main street.

— Mr. D. D. Henderson and Miss Lizzie B. Bife were united in marriage this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock.

— Mrs. Judge Adams gave a pleasant party Saturday evening, in honor of Mrs. Walter H. Smith, of Washington, D. C.

— Miss Lizzie Johnson, of Newark, spent several days last week with the Misses Mary and Jessie Clarke, in this city.

— Miss Mamie Simons of Westerville, returned home Saturday after a visit of two months with her cousin, Miss Mamie Wynkoop.

— Mr. John A. McFarland of Boone, Iowa, accompanied by his niece Miss Ada McFarland, started on Tuesday evening for his Western home.

— Mr. Will. Craig and Miss Lucy Hutchinson were married at the conclusion of morning services in the Congregational Church, last Sunday.

— Mr. Gilead Sutton, Rev. B. L. Swelland, of Mt. Vernon, O., discussed at the M. E. Church on last Sunday evening. He is an earnest speaker.

— Col. B. F. Smith, the druggist, spent several days during the past week, with his friend, John Denney, Jr., at the Huntington House, Richmond, Ind.

— Major Bob Langdon, of Newark, was in attendance at the reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Patterson, at the Curtis House, Tuesday evening.

— Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Baxter, of Buffalo, N. Y., recently married, are spending a portion of their honeymoon in this city, the guests of Mr. Geo. W. Bunn.

— Mr. Thos. W. McCue, was in town a few days last week. He has leased his farm at North Lawrence, and will make his home in the future at Akron, where he recently purchased valuable real estate.

— Miss Mollie Greer, accompanied by her school friend, Miss Hibbard, of Vincennes, spent Thanksgiving at her home on High street. Miss Greer has since been confined to her home by severe indisposition.

— Mr. W. P. Elliott, a young lawyer of Pittsburgh, who graduated from Kenyon College in 1869, was married at Gambier on Wednesday, to Miss Maggie P., youngest daughter of Mardenboro White, Esq. The ceremony was performed by her brother-in-law, the Rev. Prof. Benson.

— The new timetable of the B. & O. Railroad is published in this week's BANNER. General Ticket Agent Tilton of the C. M. V. & C. R. R., was in Columbus on Monday.

— Station Agent James of the C. M. V. & C. R. R., makes an accommodating and efficient officer.

— More work is being done at night in the B. & O. shops, at Newark, than during the day. All of the departments are running very night.

— Newark Pen: A number of men at the B. & O. shops are leaving and going elsewhere, where better wages, and not so much hard work, is given.

— The Chicago locomotive works, to be erected not far from the town of Palmain, will be ready for operation about July next. The capital stock is \$1,000,000.

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CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

— The Playful Pistol—A Son Who "Didn't Know It Was Loaded."—Accidentally Shoots His Mother.

— Last Monday evening a serious accident occurred, by which a son, who was carefully handling a revolver, accidentally discharged the weapon, and inflicted a wound on his mother that may yet terminate with fatal results—while his only excuse and consolation is the oft told and thread-bare explanation that he "didn't know it was loaded."

— The victim is Mrs. Lawrence Alsford, who resides on West High street, and her son, Albert, though whose carelessness the accident occurred, is but 19 years of age. A representative of the BANNER called at the house about an hour after the shooting happened, and gleaned the following facts: Albert Alsford came into possession of a small-sized revolver through a trade with one of his young companions. He had loaned it to a neighbor's son, Willie Smith. He asked for its return Monday, and not being at home when the Smith boy brought it back, his father received it and placed it in a cupboard, where it would be out of the way. Albert coming home later, asked his mother if the pistol had been returned. She answered in the affirmative, but begged him not to molest it. He persisted in his demands, until she told him where it would be found. He took it down and proceeded to make an examination and was revolving the cylinder between his fingers. There was a "click" in the movement, and he partially raised the hammer with his thumb, when it slipped and the weapon was discharged. "Simultaneously," Mrs. Alsford was passing the cupboard door, not more than six feet away, when the ball struck her near the temple, and she fell to the floor with a moan and the exclamation, "Oh dear, you have shot me!"

— The affrighted boy ran out to the yard, and told his father, who was leading a team of horses through the gate. The son was mounted on one of the horses and dispatched for a doctor. Mr. Alsford found his wife on the floor unconscious. He raised her up and placed her in a chair, when he saw a stream of blood on the side of her face. Dr. Larimore and Wilson responded to the call, and on making an examination found that the ball had struck and imbedded itself in the left temporal bone, but not penetrating the brain. They succeeded in removing over one-half of the missile, but owing to the weakened condition of the patient, she being over 60 years of age and in feeble health, they did not attempt to remove the remainder of the ball.

— The revolver that did the shooting is about four inches long, and carries a No. 22 cartridge—the smallest size manufactured. It is a cheap contrivance, and is branded "Little John."

— Runaway Accidents.

— Last Saturday evening Wm. Wing, the well-known stock-raiser of Colton township, was driving on Gambier avenue on his way home, when his horse became unmanageable, which caused a collision with a buggy driven by "Squire Park of Pleasant township." The vehicle was overturned, and he was thrown out, and alighted on his head and sustained serious wounds, the scalp being badly lacerated and lamed. His injuries were dressed by Dr. Larimore, when he was conveyed to his home.

— Sunday evening, Mrs. Edward McFeely and her sister Mrs. French, and a little son of the former, were driving on Gambier avenue, when the horse, a spirited animal, became uncontrollable and ran away. At the corner of Ridgely street the buggy collided with a tree and was badly demolished. The occupants were thrown out and were more or less injured. They were taken into the houses of Mrs. Stamp and Mr. Sipe, and surgical aid was summoned. The accident was a serious one about the head. Mrs. McFeely received painful bruises about the body, while her little son suffered an ugly gash over the left eye, and a severe laceration of the eye-brow. After the injuries were dressed they were removed to their homes.

— Burglars Abroad.

— Parties going home from the Curtis House Tuesday, Wednesday morning, observed Sheriff Gay, standing in his front door, armed with a poker and attired in his robe de nuit. When interrogated as to his unbecomingly armed, he ejaculated "Burglars!" Counselman Peterman, who was passing volunteered to go after a policeman. Two other young gentlemen accompanied him, and although the party scoured Main street for over half an hour they were unable to find one of the quartette of night guardians of the peace, who draw \$45 per month from the city for protecting the life and property of our citizens.

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